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SUBJ: US-JAPAN SUMMIT: FOREIGN MINISTER OHIRA PRESS CONF

SUMMARY: ON AUG 6, FORMIN OHIRA TOLD PRESS THAT SUMMIT HAD PROMOTED CLOSER US-JAPAN TIES. HE MENTIONED PLANS FOR AUGUST US-JAPAN CONSULTATIONS ON HANDLING KOREA QUESTION IN UNGA, ENDORSED ROK ATTITUDE RE UN REPRESENTATION, AND DENIED POSSIBILITY FUTURE GOJ MILITARY SUPPORT FOR ROK. OHIRA SAID US AND JAPAN AGREED ON CONCEPTION OF TRIPARTITE (US, JAPAN, HOST COUNTRY) DEVELOPMENT OF RESOURCES AND THAT GOJ WOULD EMPLOY THIS IDEA IN TALKS WITH USSR RE SIBERIA. ON QTE DECLARATION OF PRINCIPLES UNQTE AMONG ADVANCED NATIONS, OHIRA NOTED GOJ SUPPORT FOR CONCEPT BUT ADDED THAT DETAILS STILL TO BE WORKED OUT. FINALLY, HE SAID, TIMING OF PRESIDENTIAL VISIT WILL BE LEFT TO US INITIATIVE. END SUMMARY.

1. ON AUG 6 RETURN FROM US, FORMIN OHIRA HELD AIRPORT PRESS CONFERENCE. IN INITIAL REMARKS, HE SAID PM- PRES MEETING AND SUBSEQUENT TANAKA CONVERSATIONS WITH US POLI-
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TICAL, BUSINESS AND PRESS REPS HAD PROMOTED CLOSER US-

JAPAN RELATIONSHIP.

2. KOREAN ISSUE: OHIRA SAID US AND JAPAN WOULD HOLD SPECIALIST-LEVEL TALKS IN NEW YORK BEFORE END OF AUG TO DISCUSS HANDLING OF KOREAN ISSUES AT NEXT UNGA. HE SAID THERE IS MUTUAL US-JAPAN RECOGNITION THAT POSITIVE STEPS WILL BE REQUIRED IN UNGA AND THAT DEBATE OF KOREAN ISSUE CANNOT BE POSTPONED AS WAS DONE LAST YEAR. THEREFORE, IT IS NATURAL THAT JAPAN CONSULT WITH US AND OTHER CONCERNED COUNTRIES. OHIRA CONSIDERED IT QTE PROBABLE UNQTE THAT ROK REP WOULD PARTICIPATE IN SPECIALISTS MEETING. RE QUESTION KOREAN UN REP, OHIRA NOTED THAT ROK HAD ACCEPTED IDEA OF QTE SIMULTANEOUS INVITATION UNQTE, WHILE NORTH KOREAN OPPOSED THIS CONCEPT. HE DESCRIBED ROK APPROACH AS REALISTIC SOLUTION, APPARENTLY AIMED AT BRINGING STABILITY AND PEACE TO KOREAN PENINSULA. FINALLY, OHIRA SAID ASSERTIONS THAT GOJ WOULD ASSUME MILITARY SUPPORT ROLE IN ROK WERE QTE MISTAKEN UNQTE.

3. SIBERIAN DEVELOPMENT: ACCORDING OHIRA, ONE OF KEY FEATURES OF SUMMIT WAS RESOURCE ISSUE, WHICH WAS DISCUSSED IN GLOBAL CONTEXT AND ON WHICH TWO LEADERS AGREED TO PROMOTE WORLD-WIDE COOPERATION AS WELL AS U-JAPAN COOPERATION. HE SAID THEY AGREED IT WOULD BE DESIRABLE TO PURSUE NATURAL RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS IN FORM OF TRIPARTITE JOINT VENTURES BETWEEN US, JAPAN AND RESOURCE-HOLDING NATIONS. THIS APPROACH, HE ADDED, IS DESIRABLE BOTH IN TERMS OF EFFICIENCY AND POLITICAL CONSIDERATIONS. IF PROPOSED PROJECT TO DEVELOP SIBERIAN OIL AND OTHER RESOURCES IS DISCUSSED DURING FORTHCOMING TANAKA VISIT TO USSR, GOJ WILL NATURALLY TREAT ISSUE ALONG THESE LINES (AS DISCUSSED WITH US).

4. DECLARATION OF PRINCIPLES: OHIRA SAID HE UNDERSTOOD MAJOR NATO MEMBER NATIONS WERE HOLDING MEETING TO DISCUSS QTE DECLARATION OF PRINCIPLES UNQTE (NEW ATLANTIC CHARTER) BUT THAT US UNCERTAIN AS TO NATURE OF RESPONSE. RE CRITICISM THAT JAPAN'S INDICATED WILLINGNESS TO PARTICIPATE IN THIS QTE KISSINGER PLAN UNQTE WAS TOO HASTY, OHIRA NOTED THAT DRAFT DECLARATION NOT YET DRAWN UP, NO DECISIONS LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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REACHED ON ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE, AND FURTHER CONSULTATIONS SCHEDULED BETWEEN AMB YASUKAWA AND DR. KISSINGER.

5. PRESIDENTIAL VISIT: OBSERVING THAT US-JAPAN RELATIONS

ARE CLOSE AND MATURE, OHIRA SAID IT IS UNNATURAL THAT AN AMERICAN PRESIDENT STILL HAS NOT VISITED JAPAN. THEREFORE, JAPAN HAD EXTENDED WHOLEHEARTED INVITATION TO PRESIDENT

ANNOUNCED IN JOINT COMMUNIQUE. MATTER OF TIMING FOR VISIT WILL BE LEFT ENTIRELY TO US INITIATIVE.

6. IN RESPONSE TO PRESS QUESTIONS, OHIRA ALSO DEALT WITH GOJ-PRC NEGOTIATIONS RE AVIATION AGREEMENT (SEPTTEL).

7. COMMENT: IMPRESSION DERIVED FROM REPORTING ON OHIRA'S REMARKS IS THAT HE STRESSED SOLID ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF WASHINGTON TALKS AND PROVIDED LITTLE AMMUNITION FOR WOULD BE CRITICS. PRESS GAVE PRIMARY PLAY TO KOREA UN ISSUE AND DISCUSSION OF NEGOTIATIONS ON AVIATION AGREEMENT WITH PRC. IT APPEARS THAT OHIRA AVOIDED OR WAS NOT PRESSED ON POTENTIALLY TROUBLESOME QUESTIONS SUCH AS EMPEROR'S US VISIT, FINANCIAL AID TO ROK AND JAPAN-US TRADE RELATIONS.

8. EMBASSY ALSO QUERIED FONOFF NORTHEAST EAIS DIV CONCERNING SOME PRESS VERSIONS OF OHIRA'S REMARKS WHICH SEEMED TO STRESS BILATERAL US-GOJ ASPECTS OF CONSULTATIONS CONCERNING KOREAN PENINSULA. FONOFF SAID SUCH REPORTS MISCONSTRUED OHIRA'S EMPHASIS ON CONSULTATIONS WITH US WHICH WAS QUITE NATURAL IN CONTEXT OF PRESS CONFERENCE GIVEN TO REPORT ON OUTCOME OF VISIT TO US. FONOFF ALSO SURMISED THAT OHIRA MAY HAVE BEEN ATTEMPTING TO AVOID, FOR DOMESTIC POLITICAL REASONS, REMARKS THAT COULD BE CRITICIZED AS LINING GJO UP TOO DIRECTLY BEHIND ROK AND IN OPPOSITION TO DPRK.
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